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A SOUVENIR of Rossland, Nelson, Greenwood Phœnix, Grand Forks, Kaslo, Revelstoke Cranbrook, Fernie and the Kootenay, Boundary and Crow's Nest Districts. Illustrated with Fifty Excellent Views of Typical Scenes

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ONE of the most interesting regions of the Great Rocky Mountain Range of North America is contained in the Kootenay, Boundary and Crow's Nest countries, where are located the famous mining camps of British Columbia. There is much here to interest the tourist and traveller—the thriving mining communities, the steep mountain trails, the towering mountain chains, the broad expanses of lake and river, the dashing torrents and the deep gulches. Mining life with its freedom and its dash of wildness is always of interest to the sight-seer and here in this region are located a number of typical mining towns. The spirit of adventure, freedom from restraint and strong feeling of brotherhood characterize these mining towns, and what is of interest to the visitor, an unbounded hospitality. The principal mining regions of British Columbia are the Kootenay country, the Boundary country and the Crow's Nest country. The Kootenay country is a country of marvellously rich ore deposits and of illimitable possibilities. Only a small portion of the country has been developed and there are great beds of rich ores in this region still undiscovered. Rossland and Nelson are the chief mining towns of the Kootenay country and, in fact, of British Columbia. Here are located the famous Leroy, War Eagle and Centre Star Mines. Rossland is perched picturesquely away up on the mountain slopes above the Columbia river, and is reached by a stiff railway climb through a land of great beauty. It is a well-built city of eight thousand people and has some very substantial business blocks. The town of Nelson, with its famous Hall mine, has about an equal population and is located on the Kootenay river. It is a very pretty town. The landscape at Nelson is one of surpassing beauty, the mountains rising high all about, while the valley of the river reminds one of the beautiful valleys of Switzerland. Nelson is a clean and well-built city, and is much sought by tourists owing to its salubrious atmosphere and excellent facilities for boating and cool summer climate. Kaslo is another progressive town in the Kootenay country and is located on the shore of Kootenay lake, being the outlet of the Slocan country, a famous silver lead mining region, admittedly the richest in America to day Kaslo is also a pretty tourist centre. Other mining camps in the Kootenay country are Revelstoke, Sandon and Trail.

The Crow's Nest country possesses the richest coal mining areas in the world. Fernie is a town that sprang up in a night almost. It has a population of six thousand people and is the headquarters of the Crow's Nest Coal Mines, one of the most valuable mining properties in the world. The coke ovens at Fernie turn out a coke superior to any manufactured in the United States. With the enlarged development of the mines, Fernie is increasing rapidly in population. Cranbrook is another enterprising town of the Crow's Nest country. The Crow's Nest Pass, through which the Canadian Pacific Railway threads its way, is one of magnificent scenery, and the whole trip to the coast via the Crow's Nest branch of the C.P.R., and by the palatial steamers of the road on the Kootenay and Arrowhead lakes, is one of engrossing interest. The Boundary district is one of the newer fields of mining development. The chief towns of this region are Phœnix, Greenwood and Grand Forks. At Grand Forks is the Granby Smelter and at Greenwood is the smelter of the British Columbia Copper Co. of New York. Phœnix has several important mines.

Nelson, from across the Kootenay River

Kootenay River, near Nelson

Bonnington Falls, Kootenay River, near Nelson

Kootenay Lake, Nelson

Nelson and the Kootenay River

The New Post Office, Nelson

Nelson, from the Hall Mine Smelter

(Rossland Buildings) Court House Bank of Montreal New Post Office

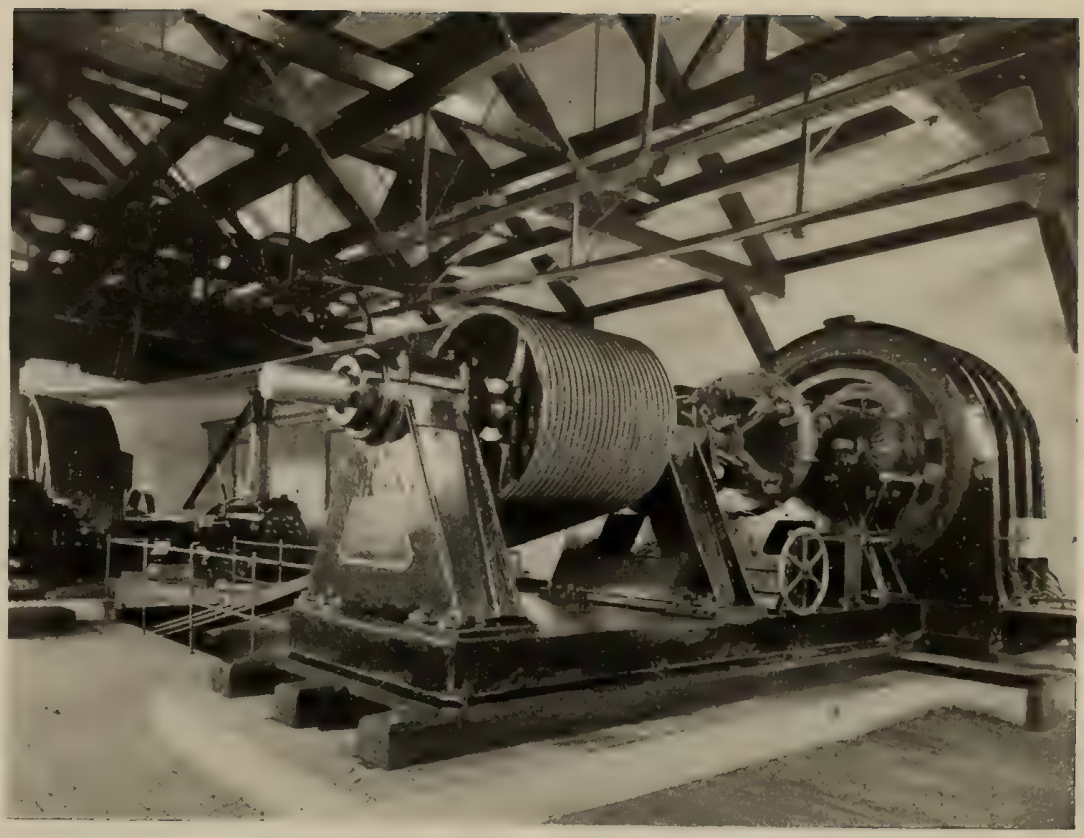
(Rossland Mines) Centre Star Mine War Eagle, Le Roi, Josie and No. 1 Mine Le Roi Shaft House

Columbia Avenue, Rossland

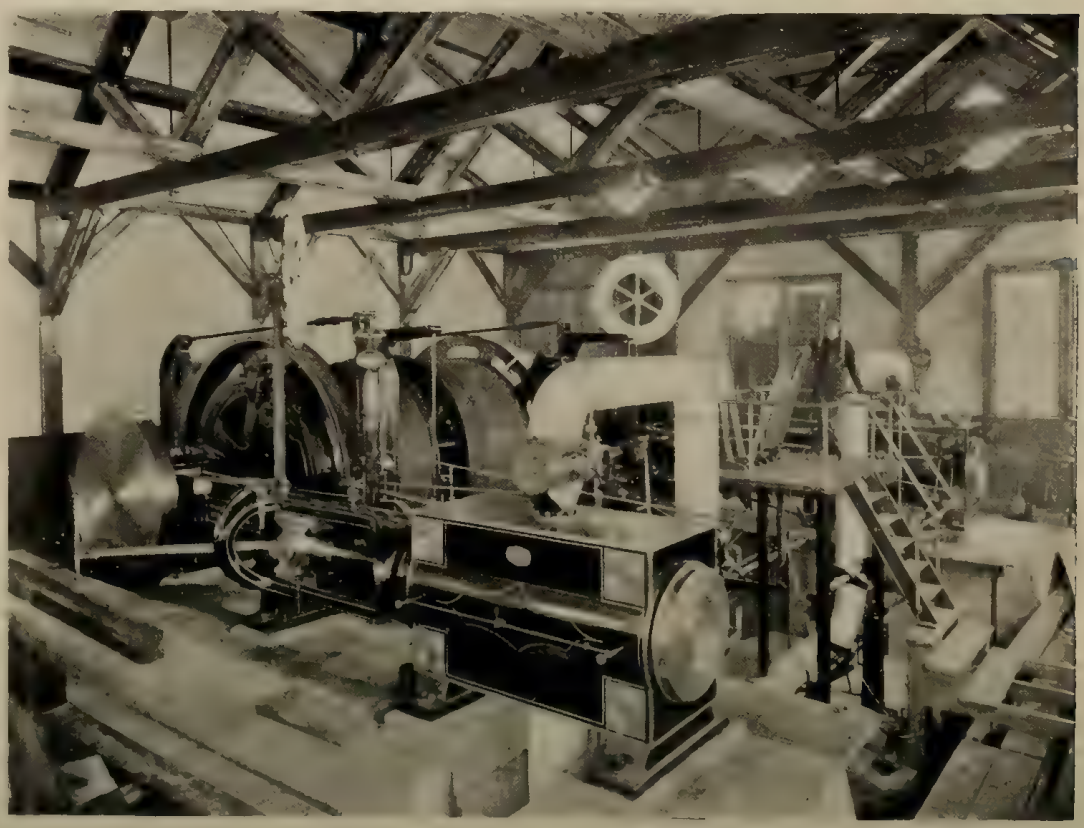
War Eagle Mine, Rossland

Le Roi Mine, Rossland

The Black Bear Works of the Le Roi Mine, Rossland



850 I.H.P. Three Phase Electric Motor Driving Corliss 40 Drill Compressor
Nickel Plate Mine, Rossland



Hoisting Engines, Le Roi Mine

Mount Begbie and Columbia River, Revelstoke

Columbia River, Revelstoke

Revelstoke

Packing Scene, showing Prospectors starting out from Camp with Packs on their Backs

Phœnix, B C.

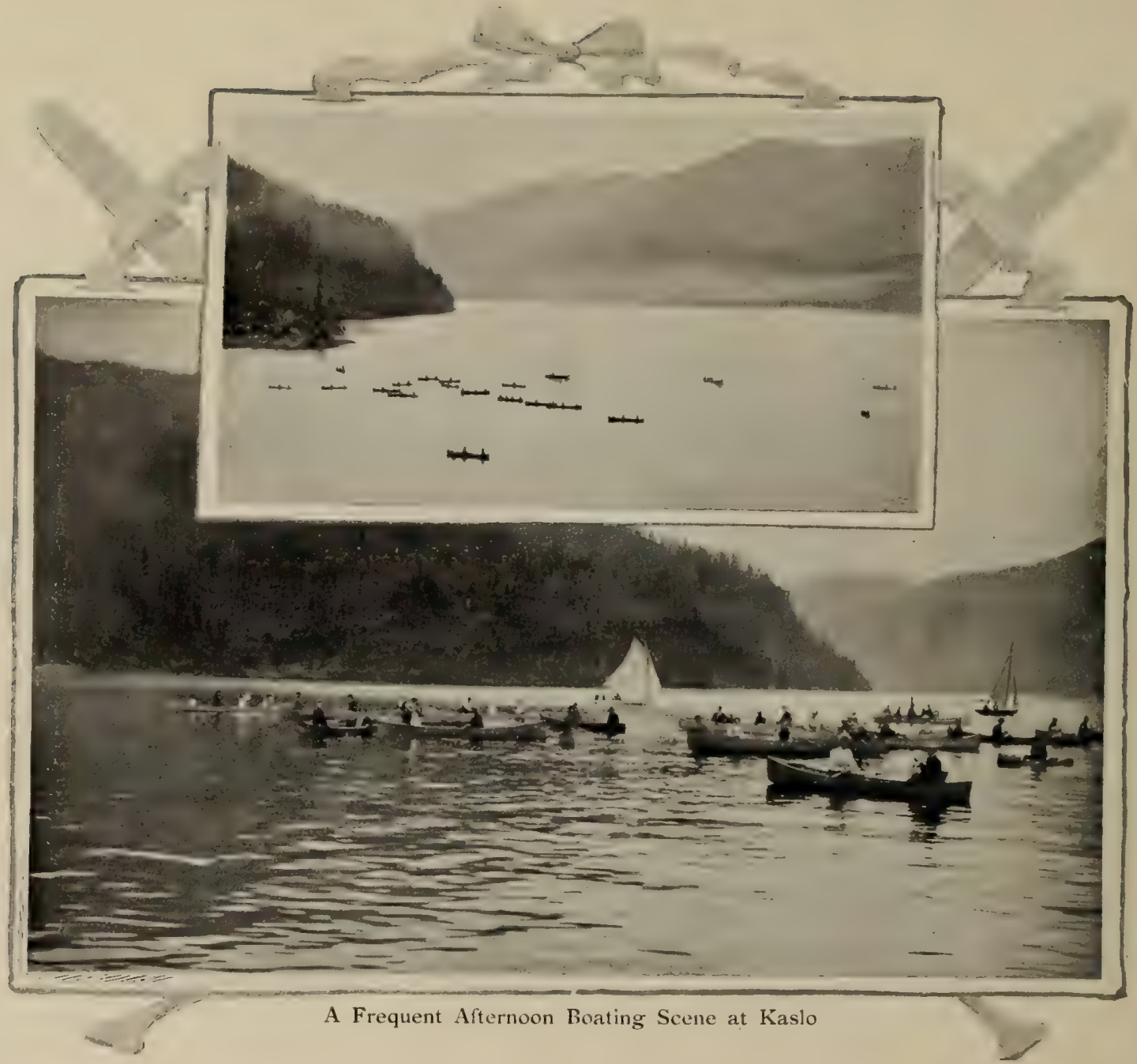
Granby Mine, Phœnix, B.C.

Snowshoe Mine, Phœnix, B.C.

Granby Smelter and Offices, Grand Forks

Grand Forks, B.C.

Kaslo City from the Northwest



A Frequent Afternoon Boating Scene at Kaslo

Sailing on Kootenay Lake

Baker Street, Cranbrook

Public School Buildings, Cranbrook

The Rockies near Cranbrook, B.C.

The Loop, Crow's Nest Pass, B.C.

Cranbrook, B.C.

Crow's Nest Mountain, B.C.

Cave Falls, Crow's Nest Pass

Payne Bluff, Kaslo and Slocan Railway

Elk River Canon, Crow's Nest Pass

Moyie Lake, Crow's Nest Pass